

KNIGHT NEWS

THE KNIGHTS WAY... LIVE IT!



February/March 2015

“The mission of Kaneland Community Unit District #302 is to graduate all students college, career, and community ready.”

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . .

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Wow is this school year flying by! It was great to get all of the students and staff back in the building to finish up 1st semester and start our 2nd semester. Thanks to all of you for your flexibility as we adjusted our final's schedule. Our students seemed to take it very seriously and we appreciate your support around that at home. Our winter sports are in full gear, music performances are being prepared, students are shining in our activities and all are showing how to do things, “The Knights Way”. Behind each of these events is a three-way partnership with us, you and the students. Thank you for your support, encouragement and attendance. It truly makes a difference.

In December we registered all current 9th -11th graders for their classes in the 2015-16 school year. Thank you for all of your conversations around this at home! The student and counselor conversations were very productive and it was obvious they were coming prepared to register. We greatly appreciate this partnership, too! Over these past two weeks we have also held our 8th Grade Open House, and visitation days. It is exciting to begin to get to know our newest members of the Kaneland High School family, and dream of who we will all become because of our time together.

These coming months bring numerous ways to get involved and support KHS. Please look for additional information on the following throughout this newsletter and plan on joining us!

- Feb. 7th – Girl's Basketball Shootout and Hall of Fame Induction
- Feb 14th – Boy's Basketball Shootout and Hall of Fame Induction
- Mr. Kaneland
- Talent Show
- Performing Arts Booster Fundraiser
- KAI (Kaneland Arts Initiative) News
- Spring Musical

Details about all of these events will be shared in our announcements and with the students. Please join us in encouraging everyone to take advantage of these opportunities to get involved. It truly makes a difference!

The Spring is always a time for our Explore, Plan and ACT testing for all Freshman – Juniors. This year all schools in Illinois will be doing this much earlier on Tuesday, March 3rd. March – May also brings additional testing with the new PARCC testing and AP testing. Additional information is included in this newsletter, and we will work hard in these coming months to keep you and our students informed on our website, emails, student announcements, Facebook and Twitter. Feel free to email if you have questions. These are important tests for our students, and we want to

make sure you and your students are given all information to feel comfortable and confident in the process.

Every day there is something exciting happening at Kaneland High School. I encourage each of you to follow us on Facebook or Twitter, check-out our daily announcements, and follow our sports stories. Most importantly, I encourage you to talk with your child about what is going on in their life at KHS. Our desire is that every student finds a home at Kaneland High School. The more involved they are in the school and their education the more successful they will be. Let's partner together in creating a great high school experience. If you see us at an event please introduce yourself. We want to get to know you. Our doors are open and we welcome the conversations.

We look forward to seeing you at Kaneland High School!

Jill Maras, Principal

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SPRING TESTING



As Spring approaches, so do some important testing dates for students at Kaneland High School! On March 3rd, Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will take the EXPLORE, PLAN, and ACT, respectively. Freshmen and Sophomores will return to their regular courses after testing, however Juniors will be allowed to leave provided they arrange their own transportation. For those of you who have had older students already take these tests, please note that the date has moved to early March from its traditional mid-April date. Juniors will once again test at our Meredith facility, and more detailed information will be shared with them soon. Seniors are excused from school on testing day (March 3rd) and are encouraged to use that day as a college visit/career exploration opportunity.

In addition to the traditional EPAS testing on March 3rd, Illinois students will be taking the newly created PARCC assessments that are more closely aligned to the Common Core State Standards. This test will impact any student enrolled in their third year English course and/or Algebra II. The testing window for the PARCC exam begins at Kaneland High School on March 9 and will continue until Spring Break begins. Specific dates and times will be shared with students closer to their test date. In that 3 week testing window no student will test for more than 5 KHS class periods and we have done everything possible to create a schedule that is minimally disruptive. More information on the PARCC assessment can be found at parconline.org, and KHS will also be sharing more information as the Spring testing dates draw nearer.

PARCC testing will resume again in mid to late April, and more information regarding that schedule and how it will impact students will be shared in an upcoming newsletter. Please feel free to direct any testing related questions to Assistant Principal Mike Rice (mrice@kaneland.org) who will be more than happy to assist you in any way he can.

Athletic Department News



Kaneland's **Hall of Fame** honors and recognizes former Kaneland students, staff members, organizations and supporters who have demonstrated excellence and commitment.

On Saturday, February 7, 2015, at 6:00 pm, at Kaneland High School, ten individuals from the High School Athletic Program will be inducted in the category of ***Personal & Team Athletic Achievement***:

Mr. Jim Bishop Shot Put Champion (1975)
Mr. Marty Lyle 4x400 State Champion Relay Team (1975)
Mr. Larry Will 4x400 State Champion Relay Team (1975)
Mr. Mark Claypool 4x400 State Champion Relay Team (1975)
Mr. Ron Ackerman 4x400 State Champion Relay Team (1975)
Ms. Amy Eddington 4x400 & 3200 Meter Relay Teams (1986)
Ms. Kerry Rink 4x400 & 3200 Meter Relay Teams (1986)
Ms. Heidi Hagberg 4x400 & 3200 Meter Relay Teams (1986)
Ms. Malora Carson 4x400 Meter Relay Team (1986)
Ms. Shelly McManus 3200 Meter Relay Teams (1986)

The induction will take place during the "Hoops for a Cure" Girls Basketball Shootout:

3:00 pm Glenbard North vs West Aurora
5:30 pm Chicago Marshall vs Marian Catholic
7:30 pm Aurora Central Catholic vs Kaneland

On Saturday, February 14, 2015, at 6:00 pm, at Kaneland High School, eight individuals from the High School Athletic Program will be inducted in the category of ***Personal Athletic Achievement***:

Mr. Jon Stults 4x800 State Champion Relay Team (1989)
Mr. Bryant Seraphin 4x800 State Champion Relay Team (1989)
Mr. Jim Probst 4x800 State Champion Relay Team (1989)
Mr. David Beebe 4x800 State Champion Relay Team (1989)
Mr. Jerry Oksas 1990 Pole Vault State Champion
Mr. Marty Keifer 1998 Pole Vault State Champion
Mr. Kurt Long 1999 Pole Vault State Champion
Ms. Janine Zylinski 2004 Shot Put State Champion

Community members are invited to a reception prior to the inductions on February 7 and February 14, 2015, at 6:00 pm in the High School Library.

Induction Ceremony will begin at 6:30 pm in the High School Library. On February 7 the inductees will be introduced during halftime of the Kaneland Varsity Girls game (approx.. 8pm) and on February 14 during halftime of the Kaneland Varsity Boys.



The 2nd Annual
Kaneland's DAY and KNIGHT of Basketball
February 14, 2015 - Noon 'til 9pm

Six (6) *premier* varsity/sophomore basketball programs (Kaneland, St. Charles North, Hillcrest, Elgin Larkin, North Chicago, Champaign Centennial)

Schedule:

Sophomores:

12:00 PM Larkin vs. Kaneland
1:30 PM Hillcrest vs. St. Charles North
3:00 PM Champaign Centennial vs. North Chicago

Varsity:

4:30 PM Champaign Centennial vs. North Chicago
6:00 PM Hillcrest vs. St. Charles North
7:30 PM Larkin vs. Kaneland

And to keep things really shakin', the event will also feature ...

- **Exhibition Game** by our 8th grade Kaneland Cager programs during halftime of the 6:00 PM game.
- **Kaneland Pep Band** during the 7:30 PM game
- **Team Cheers and Spirit for ALL teams**, by Kaneland High School Cheer and Pom
- **Food and Drink** by the Kaneland Sports Boosters
- **Customizable Event Clothing**, to capture the memories
- **50/50 Progressive Raffle** held throughout the entire day
- **Prize Raffle** held throughout the entire day
- And, of course, Kaneland's very own **CHUCK-A-DUCK!**

Most important...silently we will be honoring those that have dealt with cancer. The players will be honoring those who are battling cancer including families, friends, and survivors. Each Kaneland varsity player will wear a shooting shirt during warm-ups with a name written on the front of their shirt. The name is of a person that they will be playing for, for the remainder of the year. Also, shooting shirts will be provided to each varsity team. We are asking for the players at the event to play for something that is bigger than them.

We invite you to support our boys in a way that is uniquely Kaneland by joining us at the event. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact event Chair Brian Johnson (brian.johnson@kaneland.org) for details.



Winter sports will be coming to a close by March, which means spring sports will be starting.

1. Spring weather is very unpredictable in Northern Illinois, which means rescheduling takes place on almost a daily basis. Therefore, please be advised that students need to pay close attention to announcements at the end of the day for any information on cancellations, rescheduled practices, etc.
2. Away baseball and softball games are often played at a different site than the host school. Please make sure your son or daughter knows where their games are going to be played.
3. If your child has not participated in fall or winter sports, you and your child must listen to the podcast on the athletic website and print off and sign the form by spring break.
4. We will continue to update our athletic website direction system throughout the spring so you can check where events will be held.
5. You can also receive email notifications by signing-up on our athletic website for email notification. When we make a change in the system you will immediately receive a text or email message.
6. Summer camp information will be available on-line by spring break.

SAVE THE DATE !



The KHS Talent Show is just around the corner – Friday, March 13, 2015

Kaneland High school is proud to announce their 13th Annual Talent Show. The annual talent show will be Friday, March 13, 2015, in the KHS auditorium. There will be singers, dancers, bands, and much more. If you are looking for a family evening of fun, join us and enjoy the talents of our fine young high school students. Show time is 7 pm, doors will open at 6 pm. Admission is \$5.00 per person. School IDs will not work for this is the Family and Consumer Science Fund Raiser. All proceeds will go to purchasing new equipment for the culinary arts program.

HOW WOULD YOU SCORE?

Take a FREE practice test and find out!

ACT Practice Test
Saturday, March 14
12:30 — 4:30 pm
Register at:

www.kaptest.com/enroll/ACT/60119/events

1-800-KAP-TEST

TEST LOCATION

Town and Country Public Library
320 E. North Street Elburn, IL 60119
630-365-2244 www.elburn.lib.il.us

Bring #2 pencils, an approved calculator,
bottled water, and a healthy snack!



For Your Information. . .

2015 Consolidated Election

Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Last Day to Register to Vote

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Grace Period Registration

Wednesday, March 11 – Saturday, April 4, 2015

Absentee Voting Period

Thursday, February 26 – Monday, April 6, 2015

Early Voting Period

Monday, March 23 – Saturday, April 4, 2015

Students at the high school can register to vote if they will be 18 prior to the April 7th election.
They may register in the high school office or student services.

College students away from home can vote with an absentee ballot,
or perhaps while they are home on spring break.



**Kaneland Performing Arts Boosters
Third Annual
Knight of Performances Barbeque Dinner**

Saturday, March 14
5:00–8:00 p.m.

Kaneland Harter Middle School
1601 Esker Drive
Sugar Grove, IL

Please join us at the third annual *Knight of Performances Barbeque Dinner* sponsored by the Kaneland Performing Arts Boosters. A variety of talented student musicians and performers from both Kaneland Harter Middle School and Kaneland High School will provide entertainment for the afternoon. Dine on delectable barbeque from **5Bs Catering** and try your luck at winning one of the many baskets we have in our raffle. All proceeds of this event will benefit the students involved in the band, choir and theatre programs at KHS and KHMS.

All dinners include baked beans, coleslaw, applesauce, dinner roll and choice of homemade dessert. Hot dog meals come with a hot dog, chips (or dinner sides), and dessert. Coffee, bottled water and soft drinks will be provided. Additional drinks will be available for purchase. Dinner will be served until 7:30 p.m. Carryout meals can be purchased this year. Indicate below if you will be purchasing your meal to go.

To place an order for dinner, please complete this form and return it to your student’s music director in an envelope marked “Knight of Performances Dinner” or mail the form to: Kaneland Performing Arts Boosters, P.O. Box 611, Elburn, IL 60119 no later than Wednesday, February 25th. A confirmation email will be sent to you within five days of returning this order form. If you do not receive a confirmation, please send an email to: dinner@knightmusic.org

Name: _____ email address: _____

Phone: _____

My student is performing at the dinner: Yes No

You may select from the following dinner options:

	Quantity		Total
Pork chop dinner (includes two pork chops)	_____	X \$12.50	_____
Chicken dinner (includes half of a chicken)	_____	X \$12.50	_____
Combo dinner (one pork chop, quarter chicken)	_____	X \$12.50	_____
Kids hot dog meal	_____	X \$ 5.00	_____
Salad (vegetarian option) a full salad with multiple toppings and dessert. Barbeque side dishes not included.	_____	X \$ 5.00	_____

Indicate beverage choice and quantity: coffee _____ bottled water _____ soft drink _____

Limit one beverage per person. Additional beverages will be available for purchase.

We’d like to get our meal(s) to go.

Total meals ordered: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

Checks made payable to: **Kaneland Performing Arts Boosters**

KAI (Kaneland Arts Initiative) NEWS

YOU are cordially invited to the 6th Annual KAI Fine Arts Feast and Silent Auction!

Six years ago, the Kaneland Arts Initiative (KAI) planning committee was hashing and rehashing ways to raise money through individual patrons for the KAI. After much brainstorming, the committee decided that a casual event, explaining what the KAI is and the mission it accomplishes annually would be the best fit for a KAI fundraising campaign. The committee began to plan, eagerly inviting friends, former students, and Kaneland staff and community members to the event. Almost immediately, Open Range Southwest Grill Restaurant in Sugar Grove offered to provide their Pine Room banquet hall to host the event. The first Fine Arts Feast was a rousing success and now is very much a part of our season as any one of our performances. Since then, the Fine Arts Feast is an engaging, and informative evening with the added fun of a silent auction of great prizes along with a cork pull for wine.

***Won't you consider joining us at the 6th Annual KAI Fine Arts Feast and Silent Auction?
Friday, February 20, 2015***

Open Range Southwest Grill Restaurant
Bliss Creek Golf Course
1 Golfview Road
Sugar Grove, Illinois 60554

5:30 pm Cash Bar

5:30 - 9:30 pm Silent Auction & Cork Pull

6:30 pm Dinner & Program

Entertainment provided by KAI staff and Special Guests!

\$10 tickets (per person) are available for purchase online at www.kanelandartsinitiative.org

During the evening, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the Kaneland Arts Initiative, bid on amazing auction items, participate in a cork pull for a bottle of wine, and contribute to this important endeavor. Your donation to the Kaneland Arts Initiative is 100% tax deductible. Seating is limited to the first 150 guests and families are welcome!

We look forward to seeing you on **February 20th!** For more information, please contact Maria Dripps-Paulson at kai@kaneland.org or visit the KAI website: www.kanelandartsinitiative.org.

MR. KANELAND 2015



Mr. Kaneland 2015 will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 13 in the Kaneland High School Auditorium. The Mr. Kaneland event is a male pageant created to raise money for the Kaneland Cares fund to help those in need in our own Kaneland Knight community. This is the ninth year for the event which has raised more than \$25,000 for charity since beginning the event in January of 2007.

Each member of the court will compete in a formalwear, talent and casual wear segment as well as a question and answer portion. Each of the contestants can earn points in these categories, but most points are earned in the fundraising category. The boys have been collecting monies around school and town to benefit those in need in the Kaneland community. The boy to earn the most points will be crowned Mr. Kaneland 2015.

The masters of ceremonies this year are Omar Aguilar and Blaine Rivas. The court includes: Dean Divizio, Johnathan Heumann, Noble Hwang, Andrew Lesak, Dillon Lynn, Philip Rawers, Diego Ruiz, James Tockstein, and Joshua Yeggy.

This year's ticket will once again be a bracelet. Each bracelet is \$5 and allows entrance to the event and helps to support Kaneland Knight families in need. Community members and their families are invited to join in the fun. Bracelets may be purchased from any of the Mr. Kaneland Court or by contacting Lori Grant or Sally Wilson, Student Council Sponsors at lori.grant@kaneland.org or sally.wilson@kaneland.org

Bracelets will be available at the door on Feb. 13 starting at 6:00 PM. Doors will open at 6:30.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

After a very successful homecoming week, the KHS Student Council began work on their next projects: Toys for Tots, Heartland Blood Drive and Mr. Kaneland. Heartland collected 70 units of blood for our Knights, a new record for KHS! The next blood drive will be Wednesday, February 11. The Toys for Tots toy drive was also a success, with students collecting nearly 350 toys. Thank you to all who participated!

“Arriving at one goal is the starting point to another.”

-John Dewey-

SPRING MUSICAL

Kaneland High School's Theatre Department is proud to present

SHREK THE MUSICAL

Performances will take place on Friday, April 24th at 7:00pm, Saturday, April 25th at 7:00 pm, and Sunday, April 26th at 2:00 pm. There will also be an understudy matinee performance on Saturday April 25th. The time for that show it still to be determined. The price of admission is \$5 for students and seniors, \$10 for adults.

The theatre department is also looking for volunteers to help with costumes and set building. If anyone is interested, please contact Christina Staker (christina.staker@kaneland.org).



Note from the Nurse's Office

According to Title 77: Department of Public Health, Section 665.240, beginning with the 2015/2016 school year, **12th graders** will need to show proof of having received **2 doses of the Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4) prior to starting their senior year**. The 2nd dose must be administered on or after the 16th birthday.

The 1st dose must have been received on or after the 11th birthday, and the 2nd dose must have been received, on or after the 16th birthday, at least eight weeks after the 1st dose. **If the 1st dose is received at 16 years of age, or older, only 1 dose is required.**

You may receive this vaccination from your primary health care provider or through various walk in clinics. **If you have already fulfilled this requirement, please send this in before May 1st 2015 and we will update our records.** Proof of the vaccination may be emailed, faxed, mailed, or delivered to the Health Office (room A114). Students who do not meet this requirement after **October 15th 2015 will be excluded until documentation is received by our health office.**

Please contact the nurse's office at 630-365-5100, ext. 220, or by e-mail at barbara.giese@kaneland.org if you have questions.

Dates to Remember...

February 3,4, & 6 – 8th grade to visit KHS

February 4 - Social Studies Dept. Movie Night – Argo @ 6pm - KHS Auditorium

February 5 – 8th Grade & High School Choral Festival

February 7 – Hoops for a Cure – Hall of Fame Induction

February 9– Board of Education Meeting @ 7pm – HMS

February 13 – Mr. Kaneland @ 7pm – Aud.

February 14 - Day & Knight of Basketball – Hall of Fame Induction

February 16– No School – President's Day

February 18 – KHS Jazz @ UIC Jazz Festival

February 21– Kindergarten Registration and Literacy Fair @ KHS

February 23– Board of Education Meeting @ 7pm - HMS

February 25– Winter Band Concert @ 7pm – Auditorium

February 27 – No School - Teacher Institute Day

March 3 – Plan/Explore/ACT Testing

March 5 – Concert Band Wind Ensemble Concert with Phil Brown

March 9 – Board of Education Meeting @ 7pm - HMS

March 13 – Talent Show

March 23– Board of Education Meeting @ 7pm – HMS

March 27 – No School – In Service Day

March 30- April 3 – Spring Break



First Day of Spring, Friday, March 20, 2015

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